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**OFFICE OF INITIAL PATENT EXAMINATION - STATUS INQUIRY**

Dear Sir/Madam:

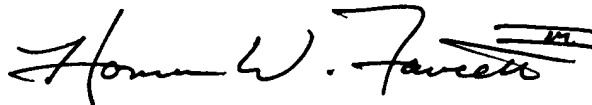
The above-referenced patent application was filed on February 20, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was issued on July 15, 2005. On August 29, 2005, a request for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.47(b) and a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) were filed. On September 2, 2005 the Patent and Trademark Office issued a Decision According Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(b). That Notice granted both the request for reconsideration and the petition.

Because we have not yet received any further communications from you, such as an Office Action or a Notice of Allowance, we ask your assistance in verifying the status of the above-referenced application.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (317) 236-2120.

Respectfully submitted,

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